SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

-CONFIDENTIAL –
CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM

Name of Individual(s) Making Complaint: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____   PHONE: _____

Name of Employee(s) That Complaint is About:

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Describe Your Complaint (Attach Additional Information If Necessary)

Penal Code section 832.5 requires this agency to have a procedure to investigate citizen complaints. You have a right to a written description of this procedure. In accordance with Penal Code section 832.7(e)(1) you will receive written notification of the disposition of the complaint within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation. Citizen complaints and any reports or findings relating to complaints must be retained by this agency for at least five years.

Penal Code section 148.6 states:
(a) (1) Every person who files any allegation of misconduct against any peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2, knowing the allegation to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
    (2) Any law enforcement agency accepting an allegation of misconduct against a peace officer shall require the complainant to read and sign the following advisory, all in boldface type:

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE A COMPLAINT AGAINST A POLICE OFFICER FOR ANY IMPROPER POLICE CONDUCT. CALIFORNIA LAW REQUIRES THIS AGENCY TO HAVE A PROCEDURE TO INVESTIGATE CITIZENS' COMPLAINTS. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THIS PROCEDURE. THIS AGENCY MAY FIND AFTER INVESTIGATION THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO WARRANT ACTION ON YOUR COMPLAINT; EVEN IF THAT IS THE CASE, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE THE COMPLAINT AND HAVE IT INVESTIGATED IF YOU BELIEVE AN OFFICER BEHAVED IMPROPERLY. CITIZEN COMPLAINTS AND ANY REPORTS OR FINDINGS RELATING TO COMPLAINTS MUST BE RETAINED BY THIS AGENCY FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS. IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO MAKE A COMPLAINT THAT YOU KNOW TO BE FALSE. IF YOU MAKE A COMPLAINT AGAINST AN OFFICER KNOWING THAT IT IS FALSE, YOU CAN BE PROSECUTED ON A MISDEMEANOR CHARGE.

I have read and understood the above statement.

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          Complainant Signature   **Date**